



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Ms. Pamela VanderMel
Director of Warranty
Lippert
1701 Century Drive
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NEF-107KL
24E-019

Subject: Incorrect Capacity on Label/FMVSS 105

Dear Ms. VanderMel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lippert's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

LIPPERT/MTP SURGE BRAKE COUPLER/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 27, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24E-019

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 150

Problem Description:

Lippert (Lippert) is recalling certain MTP 20K Surge Brake Couplers with part number 2023050981. The couplers may have an incorrect label stating a capacity of 20,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) when the accurate capacity is 19,000 lbs. GVWR, which can allow the brake system to be overloaded. As such, these couplers fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 105, "Hydraulic and electric brake systems."

Consequence:

An overloaded brake system can cause brake failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Lippert will replace the labels, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Lippert customer service at 1-574-538-4514.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Lippert's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement